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CLAIMS

1. Float (5) for a towed line, comprising a horizontal portion (6) with a fuselage shape, characterised in that it comprises an upper portion (7), extending upwards from the horizontal portion and in that the horizontal portion is completely submerged, and the upper portion is partly emerged, when the float supports an element (1) of the line.

2. Float according to claim 1, characterised in that the upper portion (7) rises at the rear of the horizontal portion (6).

3. Float according to claim 2, characterised in that a suspension element (19) of a portion (1) of the line, located under the horizontal portion, is also set in front of at least the greater part of the upper portion (7).

4. Float according to claim 3, characterised in that the suspension element (19) comprises a single articulation (25), which has a transversal axis.

5. Float according to any one of claims 1 to 4, characterised in that the horizontal portion (6) is wider than it is high.

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6. Float according to claim 5, characterised in that the horizontal portion has a base (12) and an upper deck (16), both partially flat.

7. Float according to claim 6, characterised in that the horizontal portion has closely rectangular cross-sections.

8. Float according to any one of claims 5 to 7, characterised in that it comprises a base with a rising step (13) at the rear, vertical fins (14) being housed in the step.

9. Float according to any one of claims 1 to 8, characterised in that it comprises horizontal fins (15) on the horizontal portion (6).

10. Float according to any one of claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the upper portion (7) has substantially uniform horizontal cross-sections.